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SUBJECT: PAPERS CONTINUE TO FEATURE BEGIN VISIT

1. WHILE REPORTING FOR THE MOMENT IS CONFINED TO THE
RATHER SPARSE NEWS YET AVAILABLE ON BEGIN'S U.S. VISIT,
MEDIA SPECULATION ON WHAT HE BRINGS TO WASHINGTON AND
WHAT HE WILL ENCOUNTER THERE CONTINUES UNABATED.

2. UNABASHEDLY SPECULATIVE WAS BARNEA'S ARTICLE IN
TODAY'S DAVER. HE OFFERED A PREVIEW OF A CONVERSATION
TO TAKE PLACE LATE EVENING JULY 19 BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT
AND BEGIN ALONE WITHOUT ANY AIDS OUR "BUGS." THE
PRESIDENT IS SAYING THAT ARAB LEADERS WILL NEVER AGREE
TO A SETTLEMENT THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE WITHDRAWAL FROM
THE WEST BANK. BEGIN ANSWERS, TRY IT---ONLY A SHORT
TIME AGO ARAB LEADERS MAINTAINED THAT THE PLO WAS
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THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIANS AND
NOW THEY SPEAK OF AN "ENTITY" UNDER JORDAN AUSPICES.
BARNEA HAS THE PRESIDENT REFERRING TO U.S.2MV-ISRAELI
DIFFERENCES ON ISRAEL'S FINAL BORDERS. BEGIN QUOTES
THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM'S OPPOSITION TO IDEAS
BEING INTRODUCED INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS BY PARTIES
NOT DIRECTLY CONCERNED. HE SPEAKS OF THE SOVIETS

PROFITTING FROM ANY RIFT DEVELOPING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL AND ASKS THAT HIS PLAN BE GIVEN A CHANCE. BEGIN PROMISES FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS DURING VANCE'S VISIT AND WHEN DAYAN COMES TO WASHINGTON. AS BEGIN LEAVES, CARTER IS PORTRAYED AS WONDERING WHETHER BEGIN UNDERSTOOD THE PRESIDENT'S HINT THAT A CHANGE IN THE ATTITUDE OF CONGRESS AND AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION MAY DEVELOP IF ISRAEL DOES NOT CHANGE ITS STANCE ON THE WEST BANK.

3. IN A SEPARATE COLUMN BARNEA "REPORTS" THAT BEGIN WILL NOT SUBMIT ANY WITHDRAWAL MAPS, BUT WILL SHOW THE PRESIDENT TWO MAPS OF A DIFFERENT KIND: ONE OF TINY ISRAEL SURROUNDED BY A VAST ARAB WORLD AND THE OTHER ILLUSTRATING ISRAEL'S POPULATION CENTERS WITHIN RANGE OF ARAB GUNS SHOULD ISRAEL WITHDRAW FROM THE WEST BANK. SEVERAL PAPERS REPORT BEGIN'S INTENTION TO ASK FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF "SEVERAL WEEKS" IN VANCE'S RETURN VISIT.

4. THE JERUSALEM PSOT (BLITZER AND RABINOWITZ) SAYS THAT BEGIN RECEIVED A SOLID VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FROM AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS WHO CONFERRED WITH HIM IN NEW YORK JULY 17. THE STORY QUOTES RABBI SCHINDLER OF THE CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS AS UNCLASSIFIED

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SAYING THAT THE JEWISH LEADERSHIP SEES IN BEGIN "WHAT HE TRULY IS--LEADER OF THE JEWISH NATION." THE POST CLAIMS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT FOR BEGIN IN UNITING THE ORGANIZED AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERSHIP SOLIDLY BEHIND HIM.

5. EDITORIAL OPINION ALSO CONTINUES TO DWELL ON THE VISIT. YESTERDAY'S HAARETZ WELCOMED BEGIN'S DESIRE FOR A FULL PEACE WHICH HE EXPRESSED UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK. "THIS IS SOMETHING OF AN INNOVATION; THE AMERICAN PRESS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA HAD OVER THE YEARS GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO ISRAEL'S PRIME MINISTERS SAYING THAT PEACE WAS NOT A REALISTIC GOAL AND, THEREFORE, MORE LIMITED... GOALS HAD TO BE SOUGHT." HAARETZ FEELS THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BEGIN NOT LEAVE TALK OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE TO THE ARABS.

6. SEVERAL PAPERS SEE A CONNECTION BETWEEN SADAT'S TELEVISED SPEECH OF JULY 16 7, AND THE BEGIN VISIT, WITH DAVAR BEING, PERHAPS, THE MOST CONSPIRATORIAL. THE HISTADRUT DAILY BELIEVES THAT THE SPEECH AND

THE UNPRECEDENTED DISTURBANCES THAT ATTENDED IT
WERE AIMED AT FOREIGN CONSUMERS--PARTICULARLY
AT THE U.S. ON THE EVE OF THE CARTER-BEGIN MEETING.
DAVAR PREDICTS THAT THE "SHOW" IN CAIRO, CONTAINING
EVERYTHING THAT SADAT WANTED TO IMPRESS UPON
WASHINGTON, WAS THE OPENING OF A NEW AND COORDINATED
ARAB INFORMATION DRIVE. YEDIOT AHARONOT DRAWS A
DIFFERENT LESSON FROM SADAT'S SATURDAY SPEECH.
THE AFTERNOON DAILY BELIEVES THAT BEGIN WILL
EMPHASIZE TO PRESIDENT CARTER THE RISKS INVOLVED
IN MAKING CONCESSIONS TO REGIMES LIABLE TO BE
TOPPLED AT ANY MOMENT AND WILL ARGUE THAT EGYPT'S
PROBLEMS WILL NOT BE SOLVED NO MATTER HOW MUCH
FLEXIBILITY ISRAEL DISPLAYS.
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7. HATZOFEH (NRP) WAS ONE OF SEVERAL PAPERS THAT
ALSO RELATED SADAT'S MESSAGE OF LAST WEEK TO THE
CANADIAN ARAB COMMITTEE MEETING IN TORONTO TO THE
BEGIN VISIT. HATZOFEH EDITORIALIZES THAT THE WAR
THREAT CONTAINED IN THE MESSAGE CONFIRMS THE FEARS
THAT THERE IS NO SUBSTANCE TO SADAT'S PEACE TALK.
"THE PEACE HE IS PREACHING TO US MEANS WAR, AND IT
IS GOOD THAT HE SENT US THIS REMINDER AT A TIME WHEN
THE ARAB IMAGE IN THE WORLD IS THAT OF PURSUER OF
PEACE."
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